A PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on January 17, 2010, a series of winter storms began in California, bringing high winds and significant amounts of precipitation statewide, and its effects are expected to continue for several days; and

WHEREAS these storms have caused the loss of human life, injuries, flooding, heavy snows and mudslides throughout California; and

WHEREAS these storms have caused power outages for several thousand customers; and

WHEREAS homes and other property have been damaged by the severe weather; and

WHEREAS numerous mud and rock slides have closed major roadways and interfered with transportation throughout the state; and

WHEREAS on January 19, 2010, the City and County of San Francisco declared a local emergency and requested that I declare a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS on January 20, 2010, the County of Los Angeles and the County of Siskiyou each declared a local emergency and requested that I declare a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS on January 20, 2010, the Cities of Mt. Shasta, Seal Beach and Sierra Madre each declared a local emergency; and

WHEREAS on January 21, 2010, the County of Riverside declared a local emergency and requested that I declare a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS the circumstances of these winter storms, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8558(b) of the California Government Code, I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the winter storms in California.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Acting Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the state Constitution and statutes, Including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, section 8625 of the California Government Code, HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY to exist within Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Francisco, and Siskiyou Counties.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) and the State Emergency Plan, and that CalEMA provide local government assistance under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of January 2010.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Acting Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State